

**Abstract**

The invention relates to a preservative with reduced formaldehyde emission which comprises

- a) at least one formal and
- b) at least one emission-reducing additive which is chosen from urea, urea derivatives, amino acids, guanidine and guanidine derivatives,

where the preservative

- (i) comprises no iodopropynyl compound and
- (ii) no derivative of 1H-benzimidazol-2-carbamic acid,

and to a process for the preparation of the preservative and to the use of the preservative in a technical product.